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**GERALD BROWN, FORMER NLRB MEMBER AND
CALIFORNIA ALRB CHAIRMAN, IS DEAD AT 90**

Gerald A. Brown, former Member of the National Labor Relations Board and Chairman of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board, died of congestive heart failure Sunday, June 19, in Sacramento, CA. He was 90.

A Democrat, Mr. Brown was first appointed to the Board by President Kennedy in 1961 and was reappointed to a second five-year term in 1966 by President Johnson. He was appointed Chairman of the California ALRB by former California Governor Jerry Brown and served from 1976 - 1981.

Born in Olustee, OK, Mr. Brown received his B.A. degree from West Texas State College in 1935 and his M.A. degree from the University of Texas in 1938. At West Texas State, he was captain of the boxing team. Later he entered the Army Air Corps as a Private in 1943 and reached the rank of Captain by the time of his discharge in 1945.

Early in his employment career, Mr. Brown taught social science at Canyon, TX High School, economics and political science at Amarillo Junior College, and economics at the University of North Carolina while engaged in graduate study. He began his NLRB career in 1942 as a Field Examiner with the Atlanta, GA Regional Office and thereafter held the same position in the Chicago, IL Regional Office. From 1945-1947, he was Examiner in Charge of the NLRB's office in Memphis, TN. In 1947, Mr. Brown was named Regional Director of the agency's Regional Office in San Francisco, CA (Region 20), a position he held at the time of his appointment as a Board Member in 1961.

After leaving the Board, from 1971-1975, Mr. Brown taught economics at the University of Texas in Austin and did arbitration work. In 1975, he served as an ALRB Hearing Officer in a major case involving the Gallo Winery in California, and was thereafter a key force in the early enforcement of the election and unfair labor practice provisions of California's Agricultural Labor Relations Act.

Mr. Brown is survived by two daughters, Barbara Brown Hawkins of Silver Spring, MD and Carol Brown of Bellevue, WA; and a granddaughter, Lisa Hawkins of Atlanta, GA.

Arrangements for a memorial service in Sacramento are pending.

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